

To Theodore Bonome, son of George Bonome.

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Roxbury, Aug. 27, 1870.

Dear Sir:

Your letter was duly received, with an enclosed printed circular concerning British and Northern Settlers in the South.

While I wish success to every well-considered plan to supply the South with all the laborers she needs, I have uniformly declined to give my approval to any one of the numerous schemes that have been started for that purpose, because I am conscious that my business judgment is really worthless, and I am not willing to endorse what may turn out a very serious failure. Moreover, I am first desirous to see the freedmen of the South fully employed, on fair wages, before gratifying the spirit that would starve them out (I mean the old slave-holding spirit) by procuring substitutes.



I believe that